

Art Buchwald at the Bar

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Last November, CLR inaugurated its 1977-78 fundraising season with a benefit cocktail party held at the Harvard Club in New York City. Nationally syndicated columnist Art Buchwald was our featured speaker, and his off-the-cuff remarks on "Law and Lawyers in America" ranged over many topics of interest to civil libertarians—everything from presidential sex habits to the high cost of legal aid for poor, embattled multi-national corporations fighting government anti-trust actions.

Since most of the subscribers and friends of The Review who attended our Buchwald affair were, necessarily, drawn from the New York City area, we thought we'd share some highlights of this evening with our other subscribers and readers. On the following pages, you'll find a short account of CLR's evening with Art Buchwald written by Jerry Schwartz, a young reporter for the Associated Press, accompanied by a collection of Art Buchwald's most recent columns on civil liberties. Incidentally, if you find the Buchwald columns as irresistible as we expect, you'll want to read his most recent book, *Down The Seine And Up The Potomac With Art Buchwald* (Putnam), a collection of Buchwald's best work over the past 25 years—Eds.

As for another scandal—former CIA chief Richard Helms' plea of no contest to perjury charges—Buchwald said, "Here is a man who thought that his oath to the CIA was more important than his oath to the country. Actually, he should have taken a cyanide pill, if he had any class."

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